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Iowa Corn and Soybean Forecast

As of October 1, Iowa 2011 corn for grain yield is forecast at 169 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the September 1 forecast and 4 bushels above 2010. Planted and harvested acres were decreased by 100,000 each, to 14.1 million and 13.65 million, respectively. Production is forecast at 2.31 billion bushels for the State, up 7 percent from last year. Forecasted ears per acre, at 30,050, are the highest on record when compared to final counts. As of October 2, Iowa producers had harvested 12 percent of the corn, just ahead of the 5-year average of 10 percent.

The October 1 soybean yield forecast of 50.5 bushels per acre is down half a bushel from the September 1 forecast, and 2010. Planted and harvested acres were raised by 150,000 each, to 9.35 million and 9.26 million, respectively. If realized, soybean production would be 468 million bushels, down almost 6 percent from last year, but up slightly from the September 1 forecast. Forecasted pods with beans, at 1,941 per 18 square feet, are the second highest on record when compared to final counts. As of October 2, soybean harvest was 21 percent complete, 13 percentage points behind last year, and 9 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Reminder: All crop forecasts in this report are based on conditions on October 1 and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next district corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of November 1, will be released on November 10.

Corn, 2010-2011

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,920	1,985	184.7	178.0	354,600	353,400
NC	1,870	1,970	175.6	175.0	328,300	344,820
NE	1,590	1,665	175.9	177.0	279,700	294,770
WC	1,975	2,055	172.1	177.0	339,800	363,810
C	1,925	2,010	167.5	170.0	322,400	341,770
EC	1,375	1,460	165.3	170.0	227,300	248,250
SW	1,015	1,035	151.9	149.0	154,200	154,250
SC	510	560	98.0	135.0	50,000	75,620
SE	870	910	111.4	143.0	96,950	130,160
State	13,050	13,650	165.0	169.0	2,153,250	2,306,850

¹ Harvested for grain ² Yield rounded

Soybeans, 2010-2011

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,605	1,508	52.7	54.5	84,540	82,180
NC	1,285	1,203	50.8	50.0	65,245	60,200
NE	790	729	53.5	52.0	42,245	37,905
WC	1,515	1,412	51.9	51.5	78,590	72,720
C	1,395	1,323	51.2	51.5	71,390	68,075
EC	905	848	52.0	52.5	47,035	44,520
SW	960	910	49.8	46.5	47,785	42,315
SC	550	579	45.3	45.0	24,905	26,055
SE	725	748	47.6	45.0	34,495	33,660
State	9,730	9,260	51.0	50.5	496,230	467,630